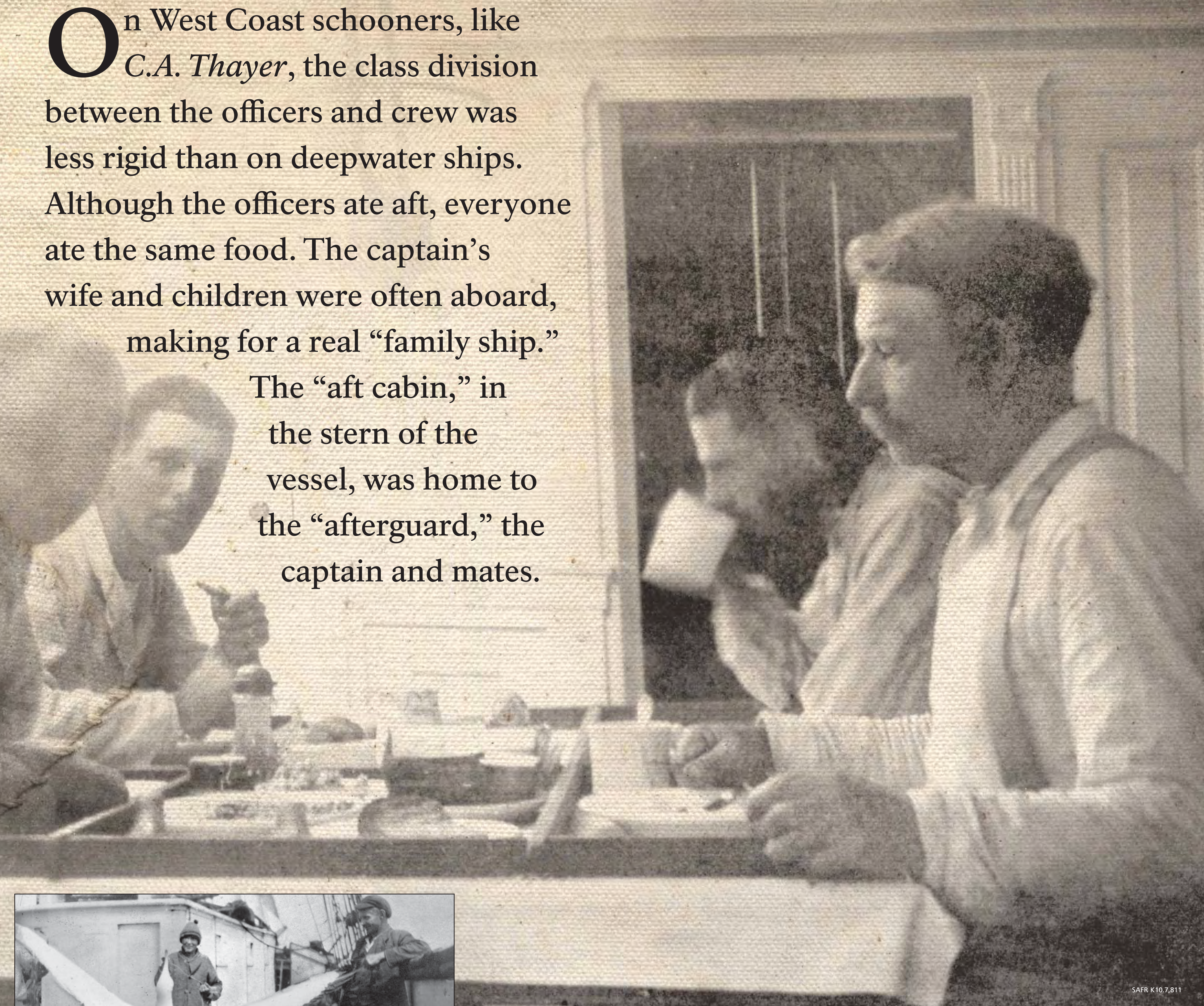


THE AFTERGUARD

On West Coast schooners, like *C.A. Thayer*, the class division between the officers and crew was less rigid than on deepwater ships. Although the officers ate aft, everyone ate the same food. The captain's wife and children were often aboard, making for a real "family ship."

The "aft cabin," in the stern of the vessel, was home to the "afterguard," the captain and mates.



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Mrs. Lee and the Albatross

During *Thayer's* long, lazy passage to Australia in 1919, the captain's wife amused herself with a captured albatross. Ancient myths held that albatrosses carried the souls of drowned seamen. These birds were usually treated with respect and later released.

The Lembke Family Home at Sea



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Captain Otto and Hulda Lembke are pictured relaxing aboard their lumber schooner *Comet* at Santa Barbara in 1905. Note the phonograph, curtains, lamps, and "feminine touches" that make their small shipboard cabin a cozy home.



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Young Max, son of the captain, had his own duties on deck, in this case feeding the chickens that provided both fresh eggs and meat on the long voyages. Max spent much of his childhood living aboard his father's schooners sailing between Puget Sound and Hawaii. Not a bad life for a young boy!